

THE VIEW FROM SAN RAMON



Saturday, September 7

1:00 PM–4:00 PM

**San Ramon Community Center, Terrace Room
OR**

Via Zoom (link will be emailed prior to event)

RSVP to the EVITE

Payment due Tuesday, September 3



- **Meet the Tech Trek Campers and Renaissance Scholars.**
 - **Welcome new and prospective members.**
 - **Gather information about our upcoming year.**
 - **Learn about special interest groups.**

Questions? Contact Karen Rice at aauwsr@gmail.com

See Page 4 for More Information

**Bollinger
Canyon Road
closure
September 7–15
See page 2**

AAUW MISSION AND DIVERSITY STATEMENTS

American Association of University Women advances gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy. In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks an inclusive membership, workforce, leadership team, and board of directors. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, geographical location, national origin, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status.

SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2  Labor Day	3 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch Margo James	4	5	6	7 1:00 PM– 4:00 PM Welcome Tea Karen Rice 7:00 PM Game Night Lucy Weed
8	9 1:00 PM Daytime Readers Margo James 6:30 PM Board Meeting via Zoom	10	11	12	13	14 9:00 AM Local Walking Group Lois Kamoroff
15	16 7:00 PM Night Book Group Cheri Ng	17 7:00 PM Bridge Chris White	18 1:00 PM Women in History Margo James	19	20	21 1:00 PM Bocce Kathy Senti
22 First Day of Fall	23	24	25	26	27 7:30 PM Fourth Friday Flicks Chris White	28
29	30					

Note to folks attending the Membership Welcome Tea on September 7

ROAD CLOSED: Bollinger Canyon Road will be closed in both directions between Camino Ramon and Market Place from September 7–15. To attend the Welcome Tea, use **Crow Canyon Road** or **Norris Canyon Road** to get to **Alcosta Blvd**. You can access the south parking lot on Bollinger Canyon from Alcosta Blvd. See the map on the San Ramon city website at https://www.sanramon.ca.gov/news/what_s_new/bollinger_closure_september_2024

Save the Dates

- September 7 Membership Welcome Tea, San Ramon Community Center Terrace Room
- September 26 League of Women Voters Overview of Callifornia Ballot (see page 8)
- October 1 SRVUSD Candidate Forum, 10:00 AM–1:00 PM, San Ramon Community Center Terrace Room
- November 21 Friendsgiving Event
- February 19 Tips for Change, Virtue and Vice Restaurant, Danville

Watch for more information about our 2024–2025 events in future newsletters. Snippets will return.

Presidents' Pen



A Warm September Hello!

I am excited to start another year with AAUW San Ramon, now serving as co-president with Judy Bracken. A little about me... I joined AAUW in October 1987, thanks to my mother-in-law. The mission resonated with me, and I have remained active for many years, primarily serving on the board. My husband, Gary, and I raised our two kids here, and they both live locally, which makes it easy to see them and our three grandsons. After I retired in 2021, I became more active in the community, volunteering for various non-profits. San Ramon has been my home for 38 years and I truly enjoy all it offers. I look forward to serving another term as president of this very active, friendly, supportive group.

We hope to see you on September 7 for an informative, fun Membership Welcome Tea. Evites were sent in August—please RSVP so we have an accurate guest count. Thanks to the many people who planned and coordinated this event. It is a great opportunity to visit with returning members, welcome new and prospective members, meet some of our Tech Trek campers, and celebrate our Renaissance Scholars.

This year, we will develop more programs to promote AAUW in the community and enjoy many opportunities to socialize at various gatherings. There are a number of ways to get involved in our organization, so I encourage you to take advantage of those that interest you. We have many fun Interest Groups that provide opportunities to socialize with your friends or try something new in a casual environment. If you're interested in sharing your leadership talents, we have openings on our board where you can help influence the future of our group. Read through the newsletter to see what's available and then get involved.

I hope to see many of you at the September 7 Welcome Tea and at the many exciting programs planned for the future. Remember, what you contribute NOW definitely impacts the future.

Cindy Alpert
Co-President

Presidents' Pen



Let's Get Going!

I'm thrilled and honored to serve as co-president of the San Ramon Branch this year. I know that, with Cindy as my mentor, I'll have a wise and capable guide to help me learn the ropes.

When I joined AAUW 12 years ago, I was looking for sisterhood and camaraderie in a respected community organization. Over the first few years, I attended events and joined groups and got to know a few people, but it wasn't until Chris Burchik asked me to help out with Tech Trek interviewing that I really started to understand what we were all about: We are a small group of women helping a small group of girls and women in pursuit of their educational goals every year. And throughout the state of California and the United States, over 170,000 members are doing the same thing! Imagine the impact of this over the years! In fact, since our founding in 1881, we have awarded over \$135 million in fellowships and grants to women.

It's important to come back to our mission statement to realize the importance of what we are doing. Whether we shred our papers, dine at restaurants, sell ice cream, or participate in auctions and raffles, we are doing our small part to contribute to this vital mission. And every single one of you is needed for us to achieve these worthy goals.

So I am asking you all to think about how you can participate this year. If you are already in one activity, add another. Helping with two things? Sign up for three. Do something different, something fun. Join a new interest group, set up for an event, be on the nominating committee, send a letter to Congress, or seek funds for scholarships. If someone asks you, say "Yes!" Or better yet, don't wait to be asked!

Start thinking about what AAUW can do for you, and I'll look forward to working with you this coming year. See you soon at our September 7 event.

Judy Bracken
Co-President

Program

**Meet & Greet
September 7
1:00 PM–4:00 PM
San Ramon Community Center,
Terrace Room
OR
Via Zoom**

**Cost: \$21.00
for In-person or Zoom
RSVP and Payment Required by
Tuesday, September 3**

Payment by credit card:
<https://square.link/u/BFleKumF>

**Payment by check: Make payable to AAUW
San Ramon; mail to: PO Box 336, San Ramon
CA 94583**

Welcome to the New Year!

Come join us on September 7 at the **Annual Membership Welcome Tea!** This is a fun and inspirational kick off to our new year. You'll meet our Renaissance Scholars and Tech Trek campers, learn about what's in store for this year, plus hear about our wide-ranging and active Special Interest Groups (SIGs). Light refreshments will be served.

Mix and Mingle!

The Annual Membership Welcome Tea gives you an opportunity to socialize with your AAUW friends and meet our extraordinary new members. As your Program VPs, Janice and I are putting together monthly programs which will be interesting, intriguing, interactive, and informative.

This year, we will continue to schedule most of our events for the third Thursday of each month. The exceptions, please note in advance, are our Annual Membership Tea in September and our Year End meeting in May along with our Tech Trek fundraiser, held February 19, 2025—stay tuned for details on all.

Learn About Our Events!

Information about programs will be shared in our branch newsletter, on our website, and through social media. Digital invitations will be used to provide specific details about each program. Please respond to each program's invitation, so we know whom to expect. Better yet, bring a friend! Just let us know so that we can plan appropriately. All programs will be in person events, some will have the option to attend via Zoom.

Mark Your Calendars

Be An Informed Voter

September 26, the League of Women Voters Diablo Valley will host an online event via Zoom discussing 2024 California ballot propositions. See page 8 for more details.

On October 1, come meet the candidates for the SRVUSD Board of Education. We will be hosting a special event in partnership with the Danville /Alamo /Walnut Creek branch. This event will give you an opportunity to learn about the candidates who want to lead our school district. Plan to be at the Terrace Room in the San Ramon Community Center from 10 AM–noon. This program is an “in person” only event.

Save Room for Friendsgiving

Then for November, keep an eye out for your invitation to a branch favorite, our second annual Friendsgiving celebration on Thursday, November 21.

Our February Tips for Change is moving to a new restaurant, Virtue and Vice, in Danville. Reserve Wednesday, February 19 for a great evening of food and fundraising!

We'd love to see you at the September Membership Welcome Tea as well as at the many exciting events planned for the upcoming months.

Have a great start to September and see you all soon!

Janice Colby & Karen Rice
Co-VPs Program

Branch members attending the Welcome Tea on September 7 will be asked to vote to approve our budget for 2024–2025

Our proposed budget, approved by the board, appears on page 13. Please review the budget in advance and feel free to contact the Finance Officers with any questions, concerns, or comments.



Tech Trek

2024 Camp Highlights



Tech Trek 2024 was very successful! Our branch sent six girls to Residential Camp at Sonoma State and two girls to Virtual Camp. One of our virtual campers even attended from another country. Many thanks to the Tech Trek committee and our generous donors for making this program available to these students.

Meet the Campers at September 7 Welcome Tea Event



Meet the campers and hear more about their experiences at our Membership Welcome Tea on September 7! Based on the gracious thank-you notes we received, each camper had a memorable experience. Here are some excerpts:

...I had a wonderful time learning about so many new careers that I didn't consider before. I especially enjoyed meeting girls that were just like me....

Ananya B.

...I have made so many unforgettable experiences and it is all thanks to you. My favorite memory was when my friends and I went stargazing. I'm so thankful for getting this opportunity...

Mehar S.

...Thank you for this amazing opportunity! This week truly gave me more interest in and lots more ideas along the STEM path. I loved my aerospace class where it blended math with fun and engaging ideas. My interest in STEM has strongly blossomed....

Jenna K.

Our ability to send girls to camp depends on your generous donations. We will begin the selection process for our 2025 campers in January. If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about Tech Trek, please contact us. We appreciate your support and look forward to another successful Tech Trek Year!

Cindy Alpert & Kathy Senti
Tech Trek Co-Chairs

Local Scholarship



A Local Scholarship Welcome!

Due in part to the generous response to the president's donation appeal letter, as well as fundraising opportunities our membership, friends, and family participated in, a total of SIX scholarships have been or will be awarded: Scholarships have already been awarded to FOUR very talented California High school seniors (\$1000 each) at our May celebration, and the remaining TWO scholarships (\$1500 each) will be awarded to Renaissance Scholars at the Welcome Tea on Saturday, September 7.

Please check your email and consider attending to meet these impressive and resilient young women and learn more about the Renaissance Scholar program.

2024–2025 Fundraising Opportunities

We hope to continue giving scholarships to our high school and Renaissance Scholars. Accordingly, our optimistic goal this year is to raise ~\$9,500 for scholarships. Our program, which helps deserving young women pursue their educational goals will, of course, depend on the generous support and participation of our members, family, friends, and community.

The Local Scholarship committee endeavors to offer fundraising opportunities that give a return on your participation. We hope to offer the following fundraisers during the year:

- October and February: email gift card auctions. Watch for monthly newsletters and email blasts.
- March: one restaurant fundraiser, possibly in conjunction with a Lunch Bunch meeting, TBD
- April: Shredding Event offers shredding service to members and the community
- May: Gift Basket drawing, a fun activity at the year-end May Celebration
- June: Alameda County Fair, a snackable volunteer opportunity to work and earn money for Local Scholarship. Details in spring newsletters.

Keep in mind that our committee continues to pursue grants from local businesses and area non-profits to supplement our fundraising. Although successful in the past two years, this is an unknown source of funding from year to year.

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Local Scholarship

Coming in October: The Local Scholarship Gift Card Email Auction

This fun event is a win-win for both Local Scholarship and the winning bidder. Since all gift cards are donated and all winning bidders get something in exchange for their participation, everyone is a winner! Last year we raised \$1,148 in just three auctions!

Please look for an email blast during the second week of October outlining the gift card(s) or certificate(s) available that month, along with pertinent information and rules about the auction. Next, simply contact Lorraine Weir at laweir4@aol.com with your best and only bid and be sure that it is no less than the face value of the card or certificate up for auction. Easy!

The winning bidder will be contacted by Lorraine to arrange for delivery of the gift card and payment, and the results will appear in the November newsletter. In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by random drawing by Lorraine.

Update: Former Renaissance Scholar Celena Johnson Now at Johns Hopkins School of Nursing



Celena writes:

Nursing school is really keeping me busy. I'm doing well and currently in my second semester at Hopkins. It's been quite a transition, but I'm staying focused. I've attached some photos from our pinning ceremony at the beginning of the semester. Being here has been a wonderful blessing. I am learning so much and I am so excited for what's to come!

Many thanks in advance for your support and participation in the coming year!

Susan Walker-Christensen and Lorraine Weir
Local Scholarship Chairs

Committee Members: Sally Blackwell, Pam Bugbee, Ashley Cherry, Julie Gin, Dayna Hannum, Vineetha Nair, Sally Scholl

Membership



Membership Matters

Welcome Back!

Your Membership Team is now a duo rather than a trio: Betsy Hoffmann moved to San Diego to live near one of her two sons and his family. They all helped her find just the right place to live. It even has multiple pools so Betsy can keep up with her swimming. We sure miss her and wish her all the best. Betsy's new address will be in the directory so we can all keep in touch.

New Members

It is a pleasure to welcome new members **Ann Whitelove, Laurinda Ochoa, and Luz Gomez** to our branch. They joined in May, June, and July respectively. We look forward to sharing our good works and fun with them.

Branch Directory and Evite List

Please direct any changes of your contact information to Margo James. She maintains the branch directory and Evite list. The directory will be sent to you via email periodically throughout the year. You can also access it on our branch website under the password-protected section "Members Only." The password is noted on our directory.

Corresponding Secretary

Many of you have received notes from the branch regarding life events. You've told us that you appreciate the kind words. We're planning to continue this sharing of care, so please let us know when you or another member needs support. Cards of congratulations, condolence, encouragement, etc. will be sent on behalf of our branch. Thank you so much to our members who provided cards to us so we can continue to support our members in this way.

Prospective Member Guests and Shape the Future Discount

Consider sponsoring a prospective member guest to our Kickoff Event on September 7. If they join at or soon after the event, we can extend them the **AAUW Shape the Future Campaign** discount of 50% off National dues for the first year: a \$36.00 savings! This discount is available to us all year.

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Membership

Membership Renewal

AAUW National will send you an email when it is time to renew your membership. We can assist you with the process and will include friendly reminders if needed.

A Little Help from Our Friends

'Tis true that many hands make light work (and more fun, too). Helen Rozman is helping us with phone calls and data collection. Members can assist with setup and takedown of program events. Small “snackable” tasks such as these will be announced as needed. It'll be fun to work together.

New Member Spotlight Linda Mayfield



Linda was born in Port Huron, Michigan. She lived in Missouri, Iowa, and New York City before making her home in California. She completed two associate degrees at Ohlone Community College in Fremont before graduating from San Francisco State with a bachelor's degree in Clinical Psychology. Linda and her husband, Rob, have two married children and six grandchildren.

Linda became a life coach after working for many years in the business sector. As a life coach, she has served over 550 women in a Betrayal Care Class at Community Presbyterian Church in Danville over the last 15 years.

Linda is interested in travel, live Broadway theater, music, and the arts. She also enjoys getting together with family and friends for dinner at home. Linda loves meeting new people and looks forward to getting to know our members. You may have met her at the shredding event in April, which was the event that inspired her to fulfill her longtime desire to join us.

New Member Spotlight Ann Whitedove



Ann Whitedove was born in Oakland and has lived in the Bay Area for most of her life. She has a daughter, who is married and lives in Palm Springs.

Ann graduated from Miramonte High School in Orinda. She received her undergraduate degree from UC Berkeley, and her teaching credential and Master's in Education from Cal State Hayward.

She jumped right in with our special interest groups! She has played Bridge, joined the Book Exchange, participated in 4th Friday Flicks, and intends to go to Game Night and Lunch Bunch. She “loves to dance to free music in the park” and participates with Shine Dance Fitness and the exercise and strength class at the San Ramon Senior Center.

Ann loves to travel. She has visited 49 states and plans to make it 50 when she travels to Alaska sometime in the future. Her memorable experiences have been acquired all over the country—and the world.

Your Membership VPs
Harvalee Grimm and Margo James

Happy AAUW Anniversaries!

Cheri Ng	50 years
Renae Buckser	25 years
Margie Goldware	25 years
Stella Hadjimarkos	25 years
Joy Perkins	25 years
Vicki Turbeville	5 years

Communication

You Are (Already) Part of the Communications Team

Communication is a two-way street.

The tools:

- ❖ Newsletter, *The View from San Ramon*
- ❖ Our branch website (<https://sanramon-ca.aauw.net/>)
- ❖ Facebook (San Ramon University Women, @SRAAUW)
- ❖ Instagram (@sanramonaauw)

We have a few requests:

- Please read our newsletter and let us know what you think.
- [Visit our website](#). Let us know if you find it helpful. Is there something missing?



- [LIKE our Facebook page](#). LIKE our posts. And SHARE them with your friends, like so:



- [FOLLOW us on Instagram](#). LIKE our posts. SHARE them with family and friends.



Send us an email to aausr@gmail.com with your feedback. We will listen!

Isabel Lau, Communication
With Carol Lombardi and Beth Robertson

California Ballot Propositions Overview September 26; 4:00 PM–5:30 PM Via Zoom

The League of Women Voters Diablo Valley will host an online event discussing the pros and cons of the 2024 California ballot propositions.

Register for the event at this link to receive the Zoom details:
<https://ccclib.bibliocommons.com/events/66ac026442fa12abcec8afcb>

Community Conversations are sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Diablo Valley, the League of Women Voters of West Contra Costa County, CCTV, and the Contra Costa County Library.

If you cannot attend, you can view the recorded program on the CCC Library and LWVDV You Tube channels:
<https://www.youtube.com/user/theccclib>
<https://www.youtube.com/@LWVDV>

More information about the event can be found here:
<https://my.lwv.org/california/diablo-valley/event/2024-california-propositions-pros-and-cons-community-conversation>

Cindy Alpert
Co-President

Art and Wind Festival Ice Cream Sales Update



At the Art and Wind Festival last May, our branch successfully implemented the use of credit card transactions to facilitate payment for ice cream novelties. We sold slightly less than 20% of inventory—or about 80 units—via credit cards. In total, we collected \$1,100 for branch administrative expenses.

Thank you for your support of this important fundraiser!

Janet Williams, Chair

Public Policy



AAUW California Public Policy Update

2024 Legislative Agenda Updates from California AAUW Public Policy CA Governor Signs 3 AAUW California Supported Bills

Although the 2024 legislative session won't end until this fall, the governor has already started to sign bills. We are excited to let you know that three bills on our agenda have already been signed, AB 1955, AB1790, and AB2608. Hooray!

AB 1955 will prohibit school districts from requiring staff to notify parents if a student uses a different name or pronouns or identifies as a different gender than what is on their birth certificate. California is the first state in the nation to ban forced outings of transgender students.

AB 1790 will strengthen protections against sexual assault and harassment at California State University (CSU) campuses by requiring two reports from CSU on the status of their implementation of the State Auditor recommendations.

AB 2608 will require the California Community Colleges and the CSUs, and request the University of California, to provide educational and preventive information on sexual violence and harassment, including how to recognize if someone is at risk of drug-facilitated sexual assault.

All The Election Resources—Coming in September—Stay Tuned!

Welcome to another presidential election year in the United States!

- In mid-September the Public Policy Committee will present a webinar on Get Out the Vote. More details to follow soon.
- In the September issue of Public Policy News, we will include an article on the California ballot initiatives we are supporting.
- In the next few issues of Public Policy News, we will include an overview of the Public Policy Priorities that are front and center in the upcoming election.
- In late September the Public Policy Committee will provide Candidate Comparison Guides for competitive Congressional races in California.*
*The Candidate comparison guides will focus on the races where an incumbent whose values are consistent with our public policy priorities is in

danger of losing their seat, and where an incumbent whose values are not consistent with our priorities is being challenged by a candidate whose values align with ours. The guides will serve to educate voters on the candidates' positions on AAUW-supported issues. The competitive districts we have identified thus far are Districts 13, 22, 27, 45, 47, 49, 41.

Reducing Polarization Through Talking and Language: A Guide for Finding Common Ground

In the midst of another election cycle in the United States, the American public is inundated with the narrative that Republicans and Democrats are fundamentally different kinds of people. Political parties seemingly represent lifestyle brands that are chosen by groups with different kinds of beliefs. This perception of difference is both the reason for and the result of increasing political polarization—and political polarization's radiating impacts in our homes, workplaces, and communities.

Longstanding social science research shows that our perceptions of the world are socialized. Our socialization shapes big things, like how we experience time or imagine the cosmos, as well as smaller more mundane things, like what we label as appropriate clothing for a particular event or how we show someone care and respect. Socialization research shows that we can be socialized to perceive and experience the world similarly, or very differently. The socialization of difference can keep us from understanding one another and achieving common ground and, over time, we may even develop the perception of specific kinds or groups of humans as fundamentally and irrevocably different from ourselves.

Regardless of our differences, longstanding research also shows that all humans have the capacity to understand one another and to translate between realities if and when we are willing to do so. Together, we can also shift problematic conventions, including those that perpetuate polarization.

Source: Check out this guide:

<https://www.willingobservers.com/writing-and-publications/reducing-polarization-through-language> to learn more about how you might approach difficult conversations during election season.

Source: AAUW-CA Public Policy Newsletter, August 2024.

Catherine Lewis, Public Policy



Lunch Bunch dines at a lakeside table at The Roundhouse in August.



The Walking Group

We had a lovely stroll around Lake Annabel on Saturday, July 13. The sun stayed hidden while we walked twice around the lake. Some of us enjoyed time afterward at the amazing San Ramon Farmer’s Market. Chris Burchik, Harvalee Grimm, Kathleen Schaub, Linda Yoshizawa, Lois Kamoroff, and guest Almira all enjoyed chatting as we walked around the beautiful lake.

Andrée Chagnon
Co-Leader with Lois Kamoroff



Book Exchange Picnic

The weather was perfect, and the venue was very scenic with the stream and wildlife surrounding us. We shared a lively discussion about what books we chose for our new 2024-2025 season. Thanks to all who were able to come and enjoy this event: (L to R) Fran Bartholomew, Pamela Justin, Lois Kamoroff, Helen Rozman, Jo Anne Barron, Ann Skudlark, Barbara Blalock, Pat Kelly, Chris White, and Ann Whitedove.



The Bocce Interest Group welcomed two out-of-town experts to form real bocce teams at their game Saturday, August 17. L to R front row: Pamela Justin, Helen Muscolo, Sue Mayo; back row: Janet Williams, Carol Lombardi, Fran Bartholomew, and IG leader Kathy Senti.

Happy September Birthdays!

- Alice Miller
- Anne Hayden
- Pat Barley
- Ann Skudlark
- Janice Nugent
- Margaret Batesole
- Archana Vashneya
- Diane Griffiths
- Millie Kessler



Interest Groups

LUNCH BUNCH

First Tuesday

Tuesday, September 3; 11:30 PM

We will meet at Athens Burgers, 6999 Dublin Boulevard, Dublin. To join the email reminder list, contact: Margo James

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### GAME NIGHT

#### First Saturday

Saturday, September 7; 7:00 PM

We will play at the home of Diane Griffiths. Please RSVP to Diane.

Questions? Contact Lucy Weed

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DAYTIME READERS

Second Monday

Monday, September 9; 1:00–3:00 PM

Via Zoom videoconference

Cordelia Hwang will lead our discussion of *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters. If you have questions or wish to be put on the email list to receive a Zoom invitation, please contact Margo James

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### LOCAL WALKING GROUP

#### Second Saturday

Saturday, September 14; 9:00 AM

We'll walk around Annabel Lake at Bishop Ranch. The walkway is gravel and paved in some areas and an easy, flat terrain. Parking should be easy at the Target parking lot. Everyone is welcome, including your dogs!

RSVP if you would like to be a part of this interest group. Contact:

Andrée Chagnon  
Lois Kamoroff

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LET'S GO!

This member-driven interest group can go anywhere, anytime! Just contact Chris White if you have an idea for a great outing to a museum, lunch spot, or other Bay Area event. She'll give you ideas about navigating tickets, ride-share, and other details.

Interest Groups

THE NIGHT BOOK GROUP

Third Monday

Via Zoom videoconference

Monday, September 16; 7:00 PM

Janet Williams will lead our discussion of *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride.

Questions? Contact Cheri Ng

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### TUESDAY NIGHT BRIDGE

#### Third Tuesday

Tuesday, September 17; 7:00–9:00 PM or so

Virtual and/or in Person

Hostess: TBD—Watch your email! We will play bridge via Zoom/teleconference and BridgeBase and/or in person. Kindly RSVP to Chris White and let me know:

1. if you are interested in playing or not
2. if you wish to play in person or virtual

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HISTORY CHICKS

Third Wednesday

Wednesday, September 18; 1:00 PM Via Zoom

Rebecca Said will lead our discussion of [History Chicks Episode 248: Mary Cassatt](#). To join the email reminder list, contact:

Margo James

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### BOCCE

#### Third Saturday

Saturday, September 21; 1:00–3:00 PM

Please bring your bocce balls if you have them.

Kathy will email the people who have notified her they are interested in this group to let them know what to expect. If you have questions, please call or text

Kathy Senti

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FOURTH FRIDAY FLICKS (FFF)

Friday, September 27; 7:30 PM

Discussion Leader: TBD

Watch: TBD

We need volunteers for these months: 9/27, 10/25, 11/22, 12/27.

Contact Chris White

2024–2025 Board

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2024–2025 Proposed Budget for Your Review

**Branch members attending
the Welcome Tea on
September 7 will be asked to
vote to approve this budget.**

Please review the budget in advance and feel free to contact the Finance Officers with any questions, concerns, or comments.


The proposed budget for 2024–2025 was discussed and approved by the board at the August 12 monthly meeting.

Our branch derives income from branch dues, fundraisers, events, and donations from members and others. This income pays for programs, events, scholarships and campers, as well as insurance and supplies.

Budget allocations for expenses are based on the previous year's spending with adjustments for anticipated changes.

This budget reflects the money deposited into and paid from our branch checking account only. It does not include donations or grants to the Local Scholarship and Tech Trek Special Project Funds.

Claire Mailhiot & Archana
Vashneya
Co-VPs Finance

				Approved by Board August 12, 2024
SAN RAMON BRANCH	2023-2024 APPROVED	2023-2024 ACTUAL	Under/(Over) Budget	2024-2025 PROPOSED
<i>Income</i>				
Dues - National (Pass-Through)	\$1,800	\$1,692	\$108	\$1,800
Dues - Donations (Pass-Through)	\$0	\$50	(\$50)	\$0
Dues - State (Pass-Through)	\$500	\$560	(\$60)	\$500
Dues - Branch	\$2,660	\$3,528	(\$868)	\$2,660
Sub-total Dues	\$4,960	\$5,830	(\$870)	\$4,960
Admin (misc donations to Branch)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
FUND Donations (Pass-Through)	\$1,800	\$100	\$1,700	\$500
Local Scholarships (Excludes SPF)	\$6,000	\$6,007	(\$7)	\$6,000
Tech Trek Donations (Pass-Through)	\$900	\$569	\$331	\$500
Tech Trek Parent Donations	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$250
Event - Fall KickOff	\$1,500	\$1,277	\$223	\$800
Event - Year-End Celebration	\$1,350	\$1,680	(\$330)	\$1,200
Wind Festival Branch Fundraiser	\$3,600	\$2,962	\$638	\$3,000
Programs (Other Than Events)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Advertising - Newsletter	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Reserve	\$380	\$0	\$380	\$1,225
Total Income	\$20,740	\$18,425	\$2,315	\$18,435
<i>Expense</i>				
Dues - National (Pass-Through)	\$1,800	\$1,692	\$108	\$1,800
Dues - Donations (Pass-Through)	\$0	\$50	(\$50)	\$0
Dues - State (Pass-Through)	\$500	\$560	(\$60)	\$500
Dues Paid by Branch to National	\$2,300	\$2,302	(\$2)	\$2,300
Admin	\$750	\$552	\$198	\$750
FUND (Pass-Through)	\$1,800	\$100	\$1,700	\$500
FUND (assessment & branch contribution)	\$500	\$65	\$435	\$65
Local Scholarship	\$7,020	\$4,100	\$2,920	\$7,210
Tech Trek Camp misc.	\$250	\$0	\$250	\$250
Tech Trek Misc & Pass-Through	\$900	\$461	\$439	\$700
Event - Fall KickOff	\$1,500	\$349	\$1,151	\$1,000
Event - Year-End Celebration	\$1,350	\$1,568	(\$218)	\$1,200
Wind Festival Branch Fundraiser	\$2,200	\$1,861	\$339	\$1,925
Hospitality	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Insurance	\$470	\$462	\$8	\$485
Marketing & Communications	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Membership	\$600	\$664	(\$64)	\$600
Program * (see note)	\$1,100	\$1,517	(\$417)	\$1,400
Public Policy	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50
Total Expenses	\$20,740	\$14,001	\$6,739	\$18,435
* Program Exp \$500 Deposit now excluded.				
Net Income / (Expense)	\$0	\$4,423	-\$4,423	\$0